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READERS OF TEXT VERSION ONLY - PLEASE NOTE

As you should be aware, Amateur Radio Newsline is prepared for the "spoken" rather than the "written / printed" word. Because of our on-scene coverage of the 2009 Dayton Hamvention, this weeks newscast is very audio intensive. From experience we know that there is no way that a literal transcript of the words of those we have interviewed can bring to you the emotion in their voices and that of their presentations. (The only direct quotes are those of our reporters and FCC officials on regulatory issues.)

For that reason, we are providing only one-line summaries of what many speakers at Hamvention 2009 had to offer. Instead of just reading this weeks newscast, we urge you to go to our website at www.arnewsline.org, download the mp3 file, sit back and enjoy a vicarious trip to the concluded 2009 Dayton Hamvention. We believe that it will be a far more enjoyable experience than merely scanning across printed words.

Thank you, ARNewsline, Inc.

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Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1658 with a release date of Friday, May 22nd, 2009 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a Q-S-T. Dayton calls and thousands enjoy the ham holiday weekend. Also, the FCC says the price of a vanity call has to go up, the WB6X tower case in California has a happy ending, a pro amateur radio antenna measure proceeds in Arizona and we all get to meet Laura Smith, the new ham radio rules enforcer at the FCC. All this on an extended four section Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1658 coming your way right now.

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Sound: (Gary Johnston, KI4LA, talks about the opening of Hamvention and the bargains he has already found.)

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That's Gary Johnston, KI4LA, who is not only the ARRL Great Lakes Division Vice Director but also one of thousands of hams from around the world elated at being at Hamvention 2009 as the doors opened at the Hara Arena on Friday, May 15th. And in a reversal from what's usually the case, just about every seasoned observer that we got the chance to interview believed that Hamvention Friday was the best opening day ever and also the best business day of the three day ham radio holiday weekend. Chip Margelli, K7JA of Heil Sound is a longtime attendee at Dayton. We caught up with Chip midday through opening day:

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Sound: (Chip Margelli, K7JA, describes opening day at the Heil Sound booth.)

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A similar view was given us by Joe Schroeder, W9JUV. Joe, now with Radio Bookstore is the former editor of the old H-R Report and has seen and reported on many ham radio shows. We spoke to him just before closing of the exhibit hall on Saturday afternoon:

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Sound: (Joe Schroeder, W9JUV, talks about Friday vs Saturday traffic at the Radio Bookstore booth.)

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Its no secret that many hams travel to Dayton to see what the big three manufacturers of ham radio gear will be offering for sale and nobody was disappointed. We spoke with representatives of Icom, Kenwood and Vertex Standard Yaesu and let each one extol a bit about their latest goodies:

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Sound: (Representatives of Icom, Kenwood and Yaesu / Vertex Standard describe the gear that they are featuring this year.)

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Icom, Kenwood, Vertex Standard Yaesu seemed to have good foot traffic. The same can be said for Ten-Tec and Elecraft which appeared to always have a crowd of people playing with radios and keeping the company representatives peppered with questions. Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil sound says that business in audio alley was also quite brisk:

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Sound: (Bob Heil, K9EID, talks about business at his booth.)

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This years Hamvention also served as the 2009 ARRL National Convention and it also reported good foot traffic through its Expo area. Great Lakes Division Vice Director Gary Johnson, KI4LA tells us what the League had in place to welcome members and non-members alike:

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Sound: (Gary Johnston, KI4LA, describes ARRL Expo area.)

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The ARRL will likely be happy to know that the pundits and bloggers are saying that the League did a very good job with its Expo area this year.

As to the outdoor flea market? What can you say. It's a world unto itself where with a little work and a lot of walking an attendee can find just about everything under the sun and then some. One only had to stand in front of the Hara Arena by and watch the gate to the Flea Market area to get an idea of what people were buying. One convention go'er seemed to be very happy dragging out a rather old Hallicrafters SX-28 receiver made in the 1930's followed by a guy holding what appeared to be a potted plant. Amateur Radio Newsline's Henry Feinberg, K2SSQ, was able to stroll through the Flea Market and has some thoughts:

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Feinberg: "They lucked out on the weather. With only very brief periods of showers on Friday and Saturday mornings the flea-marketeers were out in style.

"The outside vendors are people who usually bring their own merchandise. There's the '- get this stuff out of the closet and don't come back with it' group. Then there are the flea-market gypsies who you find at every swap-meet with neat displays of radio shack needed items.

"And there are the commercial vendors. Of course Mendelson's was the biggest as usual."

"Of course there are the club tables with groups of hams who pool their items on a group table. The pickings were all out there and you just had to go and find what you wanted.

"The crowds were a little bit thinner this year, but it was (still) an interesting meander."

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And for those not aware, Henry Feinberg is a bit of an expert on the Dayton Hamvention Flea Market. Back in 1982 he was commissioned by Hollywood producer Steven Spielberg to design the umbrella communicator used in the movie E T The Extraterrestrial. Henry found many of the parts used in that device in the Hamvention Flea Market, so you might say that Dayton helped E-T to phone home.

We will have more Hamvention related news later on in this weeks Amateur Radio Newsline report. (ARNewsline(tm))

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RADIO LAW: FCC WANTS VANITY CALL FEE INCREASE

Turning to other news, the cost of getting a vanity callsign will likely be going up. This as the FCC releases a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order in MD Docket 08-65 on May 14th. It seeks to raise

fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$12.30 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will be \$13.40 for 10 years. That's an increase of \$1.10 for the license period. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with the vanity call sign program. (ARRL)

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RESTRUCTURING: NEW LOW FREQUENCY ALLOCATION IN JAPAN

Meantime, across the Pacific word that amateurs in Japan have been given access to a 3.1 kHz wide band segment between 135.7 and 137.8 kHz. Only CW or narrow bandwidth data transmission less than 100Hz may be used in the new band. (Southgate)

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>From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the W7CSK repeater serving Everett, Washington.

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HAMVENTION 2009 - THE FCC FORUM AND AN INTRODUCTION TO LAURA SMITH

Back to news from Hamvention 2009, the FCC made news at its forum. This as FCC rules man Bill Cross, W3TN, of the Wireless Mobility Division and the new Special Counsel enforcing Amateur Radio rules, Laura Smith, fielded some rather interesting questions. These ranged from the repeater owners responsibility of keeping unruly hams off of their systems to the legality of transmitting music on the ham radio bands as digital files.

Dealing with the issue of purging unwanted users from a repeater where the user won't obey the licensee's rules, Bill Cross says its all a matter of the licensee adhering to the Commissions regulations pertaining to repeater operation that's first and foremost:

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Cross: "When the repeater rules were written many years ago, one of the things the Commission was asked to do was to specifically put in the rules authority to limit stations to using the repeater. And, in Section 97.205 where we have the rules on repeaters it says limiting the repeater to certain users is allowed.

"That certainly is a way that you can control a repeater. And it doesn't matter what the station is, the licensee is responsible for it.

"If it's a club trustee or an individual that has (holds) the license on the repeater, we certainly can contact them because of what's going on with one of the users. We can also contact the user. But you do have an absolute obligation to control that machine, and if it means limiting the use to certain users, the Commission's rules provide for that. And I'm not particularly surprised when someone (a user) gets a notice (from a repeater licensee) that says '-we don't want you to use the machine anymore."

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Cross also reiterated what many of his predecessors have said in the past. That being no repeater license holder is under any obligation to repeat user stations that he does not wish to retransmit:

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Cross: "One of the common misunderstandings is that amateur radio repeaters are not common carrier systems. There is no duty to serve on a non-discriminatory basis.

"If you want to limit it (access to a repeater) to people in a DX club, that's fine. If you want to limit it rush hour messages that are going to be traffic related or mobiles get priority, that's fine.

"You put the repeater up. Its yours to run and (its) your obligation to control it and limiting it is allowed."

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As to the question on whether or not music in data format can be transmitted on the ham bands, well the question was long but Laura Smith's answer was short:

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Questioner: "We have just been talking about what's allowed-does that mean for example that it is OK and that the FCC would not hinder say MP3 music traffic over a repeater. The digital world opens up a whole new world. It's a hornets nest in terms of what can you do or what can you not do.

"I would argue that the MP3 file as transmitted across a repeater is not music. Its is simply bits that when sequenced properly turn into music."

Smith: "We'll let you be the test case." (Laughter from audience.)

Questioner: "I'm frequently the test case."

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And speaking about Laura Smith, to say that she has been well received by the ham radio community might be the understatement of Hamvention

2009. Even though she's not a licensed amateur the crowd in meeting room 2 took to her as if she not only already held an Extra class license but also had just completed DXCC. One of the reasons may have been her opening hear heart about who she was and about the values of life in which she believes:

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Laura Smith tells story about her dad, as a police officer having to arrest her then teenage uncle for prank.

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The general consensus among those who attended the FCC forum was that Laura Smith is more than an asset to the FCC. More important is that she is a truly welcome addition to the amateur radio community even if she's not yet a ham.

The FCC forum ran just a bit over an hour and many topics were covered. Hap Holly, KC9RP, will be airing excerpts from the FCC forum for the next several weeks on his RAIN Report. Its on-line at www.therainreport.com and by phone at 773-358-7845. (ARNewsline(tm))

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RADIO LAW: A BIG WIN IN PALMDALE CA

Some good news in the ham radio legal arena. This with word that the court decision in the long-running Alec Zubarau, WB6X, tower case is now final. This, after the City of Palmdale, California, allowed the appeal period to expire without challenging the ruling. Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, reports:

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A judge hearing the case ordered the city to reinstate an improperly revoked building permit for a crank-up tower that had been issued to WB6X. Zubarau, who was represented by ARRL Volunteer Counsel Leonard Shaffer, WA6QHD, may now request a permit for an antenna to go on the tower.

Notable in the ruling is the court's description of Palmdale's actions as an abuse of discretion by the City Council. It says that the city's decision to eliminate the tower directly violates the express requirements of California's PRB-1 equivalent statute. It also said that WB6X neighbors' various unsubstantiated complaints do not constitute substantial evidence.

And in a related item, local hams in the Palmdale area have also noted that, since the WB6X legal victory, city personnel have made no further mention of the harsh, controversial proposed antenna ordinance amendment that the city threatened to impose late last year. One that would have effectively outlawed ham radio within that city.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, in Los Angeles.

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Most believe that if Palmdale had proceeded that such a law would have been ruled illegal and in violation of both state law and PRB-1 and likely would have cost the city millions of dollars in taxpayer revenues to fight in court. (SW Div. Communicator, others)

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RADIO LAW: ARIZONA PRB-1 LIKE MEASURE PASSES HOUSE VOTE

Meantime, in neighboring Arizona, ARRL Section Manager Tom Fagan, K7DF, reports that Assembly Bill 2514 has passed that states lower house after a procedural final vote and is on its way to the state senate. Unlike other PRB-1 equivalent measures signed into law in 26 other states, this one includes limited preemption of private deed restrictions commonly known as Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions or CC&R's.

Opposition to the measure is already mounting. As expected it is primarily from a coalition of home owners' associations and their lobbyists. Thankfully, the Arizona ham community has a long and very well documented record of public service through ARES, RACES and other organizations to bolster its argument for passage of the bill

It should be noted that a similar bill has made it this far in each of the past several years, only to be killed in a senate committee. But the chairmanship of that committee has changed hands, so it is uncertain how it will fare this year. (SW Div Communicator)

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This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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HAMVENTION 2009: THE HAM RADIO TOWN MEETING

Back to our coverage of Hamvention 2009, one of the most welcomed visitors this year was space adventurer and entrepreneur Richard Garriott, W6KWQ. Richard is the son of Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, who back in the early 1980's was the first ham radio operator to come on the air from Earth orbit. Richard stopped by the Newsline sponsored Ham Radio Town Meeting to share some thoughts on his recent trip to the International Space Station and the part ham radio played while he was on-orbit:

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Richard Garriott, W5KWQ, describes being surprised by the number of stations wanting to talk to him while he was on-orbit on the ISS.

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This years Town Meeting was about careers that came about because of ham radio. Another speaker was Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who explained how being a radio amateur put him in a limousine with the president of the United States:

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Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, describes being out on a motorcade radio remote for CBS radio and having to repair a microphone for then U.S. President Gerald Ford.

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That incident lead Steve to a long and successful career with CBS radio and later with the ABC Television network. Steve was also a pioneer in repeaters and repeater coordination. That knowledge gained from ham radio lead him to bring frequency coordination to major televised sporting events nationwide.

And then there's the story of Mitch Wolfson, DJ0QN, from Munich, Germany. In his case the career has been lifelong because the Dayton Hamvention is where he met the lady who became his wife:

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Mitch Wolfson tells the story of coming to Dayton for Hamvention and by chance meeting the woman who would become his wife.

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Its amazing where becoming a ham as a teen or pre-teen can lead you and those attending this years Ham Radio Town Meeting got to hear some of the most interesting. More on Hamvention 2009 at the end of this weeks newscast. (ARNewsline(tm))

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ENFORCEMENT: UNCERTIFIED WIRELESS MICS BRING \$7000 NAL TO SENNHEISER ELECTRIC

The FCC has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order to Sennheiser Electronic Corporation in the amount of seven thousand dollars. This for what the Commission says was the company's willful and repeated violation of Section 302(b) of the Communications Act and Section 2.803(a) of the Commission's rules by marketing of unauthorized radio frequency devices.

In July 2008, the Enforcement Bureau Spectrum Enforcement Division began an investigation into Sennheiser's marketing of wireless

microphones. In a letter of inquiry dated August 15, 2008, the Division instructed Sennheiser to provide specific information regarding the manufacture, marketing, and the certification status of the wireless microphone systems it sells. In its September 15, 2008, response Sennheiser indicated that, while preparing its response, it discovered that one of its wireless microphones did not have a valid certification.

By another letter of inquiry dated February 9, 2009, the FCC sought further information regarding the uncertified wireless microphone that Sennheiser referenced in its first response. Sennheiser responded by telling the FCC that within the past year, it manufactured and sold units of an uncertified wireless microphone in the United States. It also stated that it has discontinued marketing the device in the United States. Sennheiser noted that the device was assigned several model numbers according to the frequencies on which it operates and claimed that the company inadvertently allowed a pending application for certification to lapse. This, while its marketing department assumed the application had been granted.

But the FCC says that a violation has occurred and that Sennheiser must be penalized for it. It notes that Sennheiser admits that it manufactured and sold units of the non certified wireless microphone in the United States within the past year. As such it is issuing the \$7000 Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture to Sennheiser. The company is expected to file an appeal. (FCC)

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RADIO LAW: DTV TRANSLATORS APPROVED

The FCC has released its order establishing a new class of translators that will help stations fill in Digital TV coverage gaps in their current service areas. The FCC says that a total of 14 stations have submitted 20 applications for the translators, and eight requests for temporary translators. As expected, the commission will not allow the translators on channels 52 to 59. This is spectrum that is being cleared for use by advanced wireless services. (FCC)

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Celebrating Hamvention 2009, this is the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world through the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: MARITIME DX FORUM IN NOVA SCOTIA IN AUGUST

The 6th Annual Maritime DX Forum sponsored by the Halifax Amateur Radio Club takes place the weekend of August 7th . The venue is the Rosaria

Centre of Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Speaker include such DX notables as Marti Laine, OH2BH, Joe Taylor K1JT, George Nicholson N4GRN, and others. Registration materials can be downloaded from the HARC Web site at www.halifax-arc.org or by e-mail to ve1qd@rac.ca. (HARC)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: CQ INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS TO ITS HALLS OF FAME

CQ magazine today announced its 2009 Hall of Fame inductees, welcoming 15 new members into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, two new members of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and one new member of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those individuals, whether licensed hams or not, who have made significant contributions to amateur radio. The CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame honor those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of amateur radio but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways.

A full list of the inductees has been published at www.cq-amateur-radio.com and several other ham radio news websites. Formal induction's to the CQ Halls of Fame took place at the contest and DX dinners at last weeks Dayton Hamvention. (CQ)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: KA3HD0 GIVEN ARRL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

American Radio Relay League President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, presented former Amateur Radio on the International Space Station Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HD0 with the ARRL President's Award. This award is voted on by the Board of Directors and given out every 7 or 8 years to honor someone's outstanding work. Bauer was recognized for his dedication to ham radio space related operations including his long tenure with the ARISS program. (ARISS)

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RADIO SCIENCE: DTV CONVERTERS MAKE FOR BETTER ANALOG RECEPTION

A study conducted by Smith Geiger shows that seventy-five percent of over-the-air analog viewers polled said they received a better quality picture across all their channels after getting a digital converter box.

The survey of households about 2000 households that rely on converter boxes to make digital television signals available on their older analog sets. It was commissioned by the National Association of Broadcasters which says that the study found 47% of respondents said they had seen a major improvement in off-air TV reception. In addition, 54% said they were receiving more channels. Only 8% said they were receiving fewer.

No technical parameters of the consumer receiver and converter boxes were included in the press release. However it is very likely that the converter boxes are far newer technology and have more sensitive front end RF amplifiers and lower noise 1st mixers than those built into the television receivers.

And a reminder that all viewers without cable or satellite or a digital ready television receiver will need a converter box to watch full-power TV stations after the June 12 digital conversion date. Many radio clubs nationwide are assisting the FCC in educating the public on the digital conversion process. (RW, ARNewsline(tm))

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ON THE AIR: THE 2009 WX4NHC ON THE AIR STATION TEST

The annual WX4NHC On-the-Air Station Test from the National Hurricane Center in Miami takes place Saturday, May 30th from 1300 to 2100 UTC. The purpose of this annual Station Test is to test all of the National Hurricane Center radio equipment, computers and antennas using as many modes and frequencies as possible. This is not a contest or simulated hurricane exercise. New equipment and software will be tested, and the centers staff will also conduct some operator training.

Stations working WX4NHC should exchange call sign, signal report, location and name plus a brief weather report, such as "sunny," "rain" or "cloudy." Non-hams may submit their actual weather using the On-Line Hurricane Report Form. If you want a commemorative card, please QSL to WD4R and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (ARRL)

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In DX, word that DL6NDK, with DL6LI, and DL9GTI will activate the Aland Islands from May 23rd to the 29th. They plan to work mainly in CW on 80 through 2 meters using several wire and vertical antennas. Also listen out for DL6LI using in PSK31. QSL's go via bureau or direct.

AH2Y and WX8C will be active from Guam as AH2Y during the CQWW WPX CW Contest that takes place on the 30th and 31st of May. QSL via Logbook to the World or direct to HL1IWD.

And G0TSM will operate portable SV5 from Dodcanese until June 3rd. He will be using CW and SSB and wants to focus mainly on 6 and 12 meters QSL to his home call.

Lastly, A team of Greek operators will be active as C4SV from Cyprus through May 29th. QSLs direct or via bureau to SV2DGH.

(From various DX news sources)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: A LAST LOOK AT HAMVENTION 2009

We end this weeks newscast with a retrospective look at Hamvention 2009. With it, here's Jack Parker, W8ISH:

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Once you get past the glitz of the new antennas, the radiant radio dials and the latest in ham radio software a world of wonderful and weird artifacts greet you in the outdoor flea market. There you will find acres of classic amateur radio equipment and other special items.

One enterprising seller was pushing the latest in used cattle prods. Drop in a couple new batteries and you are all set to zap your way through life. Just past the shirt, jacket and hat tent you could pick up some mighty fine perfume for the lady. They even had deodorant for men.

Saturday afternoon rain showers forced hundreds of hams back inside Hara Arena. People stood shoulder to shoulder and wheel to wheel to make their new equipment purchases. Many mobile hams in wheel chairs and on scooters found it difficult to cruise the arena floor. It would have taken a cattle prod to move through the crowd.

After standing in line a while to view a new piece of equipment, the crowds continued to grow. Right along with the heat and humidity. Thoughts of returning to the perfume table outside became a good idea after all.

Whether you were after an old part for your radio project, something digital and high tech for the ham shack or even taking in new found knowledge in one of the many forums, you will have to agree, there's nothing in the world like the Dayton Hamvention. We hope to see you there again.

Reporting for Amateur Radio Newsline, this is Jack Parker W8ISH.

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To which we add our sincere thanks to the Dayton Hamvention for its ongoing support of amateur radio and to past General Chairman Noel Mc Kewon, WB8QQC, and his wife Marilyn, KA80VD, for the hospitality that they afforded the visiting Amateur Radio Newsline staff.

We will see all of you again at Hamvention 2010. (ARNewsline(tm))

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

With thanks to Alan Labs, AMSAT, the ARRL, the CGC Communicator, CQ Magazine, the FCC, the Ohio Penn DX Bulletin, Radio Netherlands, Rain, the RSGB, the Southgate News, Australia's WIA News and the 2009 Dayton Hamvention, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline(tm). Our e-mail address is newsline@arnewsline.org. More information is available at Amateur Radio Newsline's(tm) only official website located at www.arnewsline.org. You can also write to us or support us at Amateur

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And this before we go. With only one week to go until its May 30th closing date so far there have been very few valid nominations submitted for this years Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award. As such, the likelihood is that the 2009 award will not be presented because there is no basis by which our judging committee can formulate a decision.

>From our own collective backgrounds we know that there is one and only one hope for the future survival of amateur radio and that future lies with the youngest members of our community. That's the reason that we created the Young Ham of the Year Award back in 1986. But only you can spend the precious few minutes it takes to nominate a worthy young ham for an award that has come to signify the best of the best among the younger members of our hobby

The rules are simple. A nominee for Young Ham of the Year must be age 18 or younger and a resident of the United States, its possessions States or any of the Canadian provinces. He or she must hold a valid Amateur service license issued by the United States FCC or Canadian telecommunications regulator Industry Canada.

Also, a candidate should be someone who has done something outstanding as an Amateur Radio operator. Perhaps it was something special he or she did for his community through the Amateur service. Maybe it was some outstanding achievement that led to an improvement in amateur radio in his or her area. Or perhaps he or she was successful in recruiting a lot of new hams. Whatever it was or is, we want to hear about it.

To make a nomination, go to www.arnewsline.org and scroll down to the words 2009 YHOTY Nominations Now open, download the form, fill it in, attach data proving the claims made in the nomination and sent it regular U.S. mail to us at Amateur Radio Newsline, Young Ham of the Year, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus California 91350. And do not under any circumstances send your nomination certified, registered or by any other method that requires a receipt signature, There is nobody to sign for it and it will be returned to you. Just send it regular U-S mail and pray that the postal Gods deliver it.

As an alternative, you can scan and e-mail it to us at our regular electronic address of newsline at [arnewsline dot org](mailto:arnewsline@arnewsline.org). Either way, the nominating period closes at midnight on Saturday, May 30th and we hope that we can report next week that the judging and 2009 YHOTY award will be able to proceed. We will let you know.

For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I'm Jim Davis, W2JKD, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

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